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REAFFIRMING THE DESIRE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR PEACE

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Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted
the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 157]

The Committee on Foreign Relations, having had under consideration House Concurrent Resolution 157, reaffirming the desire of the American people for peace, report the resolution favorably to the Senate and recommend that it be agreed to.

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

This resolution is in the nature of a message to the meeting to be held at San Francisco from June 20 to 26, 1955, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the United Nations. The message states that "Congress reaffirms the deep desire of the people of the United States for an honorable and lasting peace" and that the Congress hopes "that the people of all the nations of the world join with the people of the United States in a renewed effort for peace." The President of the United States is requested to convey this message to the gathering at San Francisco.

BACKGROUND

House Concurrent Resolution 157 was introduced in the House on June 14, 1955, by Mrs. Frances P. Bolton and agreed to that day. An identical companion resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, was introduced at the same time in the Senate by Senator Smith of New Jersey and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. On June 16, the committee agreed to report House Concurrent Resolution 157 to the Senate for favorable action thereon.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The committee took this step because it believed that it would be appropriate and desirable for the Senate to associate itself with the action of the House at this particular time. The United States search for peace hardly needs to be affirmed by words. Our actions and efforts on behalf of world peace over the years speak for themselves. We live in a time, however, of rapidly shifting international situations. The committee, therefore, agreed that the coming San Francisco meeting affords a proper opportunity to reaffirm the continuing desire of the American people for a just and lasting peace and to call for renewed efforts to that end.

The commemoration at San Francisco will begin Monday, June 20. The Senate should act promptly on the resolution if this message is to reach the opening session.

